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NOTICE

We send you herewith the first instalment of ma
which we wrote you a week or two ago. It is
ded to divide this in five parts, as follows:-
1 Long Tablets by the Manifestation.
2 Tablets to the Kings and short Tablets by th
Manifestation.
3. Tablets from the Master, Abdul Baha.
4 Writings, lectures, etc., by Believers.
5. News letters and information regarding the
Covers will be sent you for each volumn, so th
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Yours in God's Cause,

The New York Bahai Board o
Counsel

THE TABLET OF JOSEPH

Revealed by Baha'Ullah.

The Tongue of God utters (this) in Persian words:

O Joseph! My Demonstration was brought to Its fullness and completion for all who are in heaven and on earth before I made Myself known, because It appeared with such wonderful condition that no one could find a way to delay or oppose.

Meditate upon the nations of former ages and why they were excluded from approaching the Shore of God and prevented from the Beauty of His Eternal Majesty. If thou lookest with clear insight (iron sight), thou wilt perceive that all are deprived of the Bounty of God on account of the veils of words, imaginations, and invented proofs. In the Day of God, though the Beauty of God was like the sun in heaven, shining and radiating, still they were veiled on account of their superstitions and imaginations. Notwithstanding that they had been commanded in all the Tablets not to cling to anything created between earth and Heaven in the time of the Manifestation, but to adhere only to the Root of the Cause and that which is manifested through Him, yet they deviated from the Right Path and adhered to the idea that the way to know God (Who is exalted and holy above all) depends upon believing or disbelieving the people. Woe upon them, being remote from God because of their willingness to know God through that which is are known are made possible (only) through that which flows from the Pen of His Command. Exalted is He, that He should be known through that which is beside Him because, verily, all else but Him was created as thou art.

In this day all those on earth and in heaven are viewed (by God) as being in one region. Every soul which is wholly cut from all else save God and is soaring to the Heaven of the knowledge of God, is and will be of those who are faithful to God and of His saints, even though they should not be known by others; and the soul which rejects will be considered as of the lowest of the creatures in the sight of God, even though he should be of the chiefs among the people, because God (exalted is His mention) hath never been and never will be related or attributed to any one of the creatures. All people were created alike by the Breath of His order, and loftiness, exaltation and debasement appeared among the people after they had been created. Every soul who accepts the Word of God while hearing It, verily, is of the inhabitants of the Supreme Kingdom and of the confirmed ones in the Paradise of ABHA, and those who do not (accept) are mentioned as the people of Hades.

In this day he who desires to be in relationship with the Tree of the Cause, must withdraw himself from all that is in heaven and upon earth and advance toward

seed, and will never understand, because all beside him are limited with (evident) limitations of possibilities and are brought into existence by (His) power of creation. Through that which is created and limited the Essence of the Ancient was not and never will be known.

Hear the Lordly commandments and the tones of the Eternal Holiness, and turn from the left hand of uncertainty and superstition to the Right Hand of Assurance. Ponder carefully with thine insight upon the Godly Manifestations and the conditions of Eternal Holiness. Clense the eye from unsatisfying views that thou mayest see the Manifestations of the Majestic Oneness in everything. Purify thine ear from the sayings of all the people, that thou mayest hear the Holy and Godly tones from all directions, and sanctify thy heart from the confused, wordy allusions of the past that thou mayest perceive the plain, direct, wonderful words revealed, and victoriously succeed to the Stream of Eternal Holiness and the Pure Wine which has no lineness. This is the command of JAMAL EL QUEDAM (The Beauty of the Ancient) to thee .

Concerning what thou hast asked as to the beginning of the Creation, its end, assembling, resurrection, path, paradise and fire, know verily that all are true and there is no doubt about them, and he who is faithful and has clear insight can see with his inward and outward

If thou searest unto the Heaven of Godly Bounty, thou shalt see the Sign of God manifested in all manners of things brought into existence in every time, whether of the past or the future; because, verily, the Bounty of God hath never been nor ever will be specialized in any one thing.

The explanation of what God intended by the (words) Assembling, Resurrection, Paradise, Fire, etc., which are mentioned in the Godly Tablets, is found only and especially at the time of the Manifestation; for example, at the time of the Manifestation the Tongue of God utters the Word, and through the Word which comes forth from his mouth, the Paradise, Fire, Assembling, Resurrection, Oath and all that thou hast asked, and that which thou hast not, will be disclosed and manifested.

Every soul who sincerely accepts the Word (of God) hath verily passed through the (Right Path) and succeeded in approaching the Paradise of (God's Pleasure), and hath assembled with those who are near to God ---the chosen ones.

He, in the Presence of God, will be considered as one of the inhabitants of the Paradise and of the confirmed ones of the Supreme Kingdom; and every soul that rejects is in fire and considered as one of those who

tion appear through the Word.

But the souls who succeed in attaining the Pleasure of God and believing in His Cause, will gain the reward of their deeds in the world to come, after their spirits leave their bodies. Because all seen things in this world are not ready (nor able) to bear more than that (which has been given to them).

Though the worlds of God are circulating around this world, yet for each soul in any of these worlds (there is) a fixed and preordained command.

Do not think (or imagine) that anything mentioned in the Books of God is false or foolish; (Verily), God is exalted above all that.

I swear by the Sun of the Horizon of the Meanings, that there are for ever and ever many Godly Paradises which have no equal nor comparison.

In(this) the first life the meaning of Paradise is pleasing God and (believing) entering His Cause!

But after departing from this world the faithful ones will enter into paradises which have no likeness and will enjoy winning graces which are beyond comprehension; verily those paradises are the fruits of their deeds which they have accomplished in this world.

Dost thou not see that if any one of God's creatures serves another, or performs work for him, he re-

Praised is He, and Praised is He above that; Exalted is He and Exalted is He above what the creatures imagine about Him!

In this day, all these ranks (asked about) are witnessed; therefore is the soul blessed who victoriously succeedeth in attaining the Paradise of ABHA, which is was and ever will be the Supreme of all Paradises.

If purified ears and matured souls shall be found, then, continually will be mentioned that which is from the Wonderful Bounty of God, that all may be purified and emptied of all that they perceived, understood or witnessed; and advanced toward the highest Aspect.

But of what benefit is this! Since through all the training of the Point of Bian, (the souls of all beside Him be a sacrifice for Him!), these creatures have not progressed from the seed to the first station of the embryo, therefore, when will they reach the condition of the body? And beside all these there are several stations which have not been mentioned. Woe upon those who changed the Grace of God that was bestowed upon them so that by their being in existence, the Heaven of Meanings was prevented from mentioning them,(the stations) and their conditions!

Thus ponder carefully upon the condition of these creatures and be one of the witnesses.

which have no equal--and also Fire which has no likeness, which are the fruits of the deeds of the advancer and the opposer, who will be in such condition; but no soul understood or ever will understand these stations save God.

And for the faithful one (the believer) many stations were created above what was heard; this is from the wonderful gifts of God, which are prepared in the Paradise of Everlasting Majesty. In the same way stations were created for the denier of eternal and everlasting torment beyond what was heard.

Hereby We bear witness that the Path is lifted up in Truth, the Balance is laid in Justice, the Manifestations assembled, the Hidden issies disclosed, the Clarion pealed, the Trumpet sounded, the Fire burst forth, the Paradise approached nearer, the Proclaimer announced, the Heavens roller together as a scroll, the Ground leveled, the Breeze of God wafted, the Spirit of God sent, the Beauteous damsels adorned, the Youths beautified, the Mansions assured, the securities of the upper apartments (of Paradise) inlaid with precious stones, the Waters overflowed, the Fruils hung low (so as to be easily gathered), the Fruits plucked, the Texts revealed, the Deeds of the deniers effaced, the Deeds of the Advancers confirmed, the Tablet which was kept in Heaven manifested in Truth, the Written Tablet

of those on earth and in Heaven, hath been manifested in the Temple of a Youth, while the tongue of everything declares, "Verily, blessed is God, the Creator of the Creators."

O My servant! O Joseph! hear the Tones of God, and do not compare this Day with any other day, neither the Wonderful Sweet Words of God with any other words; look to the apparent matters with thine own eye, and do not follow anyone in knowing the Greatest and Brilliant ORB.

In this Day, the beloved of God must not hesitate or delay an instant in teaching the Cause of the Manifestation; and must summon the people continually, with good admonitions and conciliating words, to the Religion of Majestic Oneness; because verily, in this Day, to the soul who is the cause of guidance to another soul, the recompense of a Martyr in the way of God will be assuredly recorded by the Pen of the Cause for his deed.

This is from the Bounty of God unto the (servants) teachers. Do according to what thou hast been commanded and do not be of those who tarry.

And EL-BEHA is upon thee and upon those who are with thee, if thou art steadfast in this Sublime and Most Exalted Cause.

(Translation by Anton Haddad).